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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 113

Introduced by Assembly Member Hagman

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February 25, 2014

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 113—Relative to epilepsy awareness.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 113, as amended, Hagman. Epilepsy awareness.

This measure would proclaim March 26, 2014, as Purple Day to increase epilepsy awareness.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Epilepsy is a neurological disorder producing brief
- 2 disturbances in the normal electrical functions of the brain that
- 3 temporarily affects a person's consciousness, bodily movements,

1 or sensations, while creating long-term effects on the lifestyle of
2 individuals with epilepsy; and

3 WHEREAS, One in 26 people will develop epilepsy and one
4 in 10 people will have an epileptic seizure during his or her
5 lifetime; and

6 WHEREAS, Epilepsy can affect anyone regardless of their
7 gender, race, age, religion, educational background, or
8 socioeconomic status; and

9 WHEREAS, More people suffer from epilepsy than from
10 Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, and
11 cerebral palsy combined; and

12 WHEREAS, Epilepsy affects more than 65 million people
13 worldwide; and

14 WHEREAS, Although there is no known cure for epilepsy,
15 existing drug therapy, surgery, and other nonpharmacological
16 treatments enable approximately 80 percent of individuals with
17 epilepsy to lead normal lives with no seizures or a significant
18 reduction in seizures; and

19 WHEREAS, Epilepsy is a complex disorder that requires further
20 research to find a cure and prevention; and

21 WHEREAS, The public is often unable to recognize common
22 seizure types or to respond with appropriate first aid, and

23 WHEREAS, The annual observance of Purple Day on March
24 26 advocates for the rights, humane treatment, and appropriate
25 education of all persons with epilepsy, while raising awareness
26 with families, professionals, and the general public to better
27 understand this lifelong disorder; now, therefore, be it

28 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
29 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby proclaims March
30 26, 2014, as Purple Day and invites all Californians to participate
31 by wearing purple and calls upon all citizens, government agencies,
32 public and private institutions, businesses, and schools to recommit
33 our community to increasing awareness and understanding of
34 epilepsy through education while ensuring that all individuals with
35 epilepsy lead a full and productive life; and be it further

36 *Resolved*, that the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
37 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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